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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI REPORTEDLY DISPLEASED WITH THE TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC PLAN

1. UNITA "COUNSELLOR" FERNANDES VIEIRA REPORTS THAT UNITA
PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI IS FURIOUS THAT UNITA MINISTERS
VOTED TO APPROVE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY
ANNOUNCED ECONOMIC PLAN (SEE REFTEL). ACCORDING TO OTHER
SOURCES THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. VIEIRA
CLAIMS SAVIMBI BRIEFLY CONSIDERED, BUT REJECTED, THE IDEA
OF FIRING THE UNITA MINISTERS FOR APPROVING A MEASURE CALLING
FOR EFFECTIVE NATIONALIZATION OF THE ANGOLAN BANKS AND OIL
COMPANIES OPERATING HERE. SAVIMBI'S REASON FOR NOT FIRING
HIS MINISTERS WAS THE EMBARRASSMENT TO UNITA IF THAT WERE DONE.
ASKED BY VIEIRA WHY HE DID NOT INSTALL LOYAL SHADOWS MINISTERS
BEHIND THE PRESENT ONES, SAVIMBI REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT
SPARE SUCH PEOPLE AND THAT ANYWAY THE ECONOMIC PLAN WAS
MEANINGLESS SINCE WHICHEVER GROUP OR COALITION OF FORCES EMERGED
FROM THE PRESENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE WILL MOLD ITS OWN
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ECONOMIC POLICY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE PLAN.

2. VIEIRA CLAIMS THAT ROBERTO WAS SIMILARLY ANGRY THAT FNLA REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED THE MPLA INSPIRED ECONOMIC PLAN. (ALTHOUGH VIEIRA MAY BE CORRECT IN THIS LATTER ALLEGATION, HIS CONTACTS WITH FNLA ARE MINIMAL AND HE'S MORE THAN LIKELY JUST GUESSING AT ROBERTO'S REACTION.)

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INITIALLY DIFFICULT TO CREDIT, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE NEITHER SAVIMBI NOR ROBERTO KNEW - EVEN IN A GENERAL WAY - THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN. THAT SAYS SOMETHING RELATIVE TO EITHER THE INTERNAL EFFICIENCY OF UNITA AND FNLA OR THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH EITHER LEADER REGARDS THE WORKINGS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. PROBABLY BOTH.
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